of Computer and Allied Sciences (RAGNICAS) The Government is yet to take a decision in the matter, including the location

[Translation]

Dues Outstanding against State Governments

537 SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the action taken by the Government to recover the outstanding dues from the various States which have used IAF aircraft and helicopters for the Chief Ministers and the other Ministers, and

(b) the States which have fully or partially paid such dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) (a) and (b) The respective State Governments are being reminded at frequent intervals. As a result, an amount of Rs 6.78 crores has been recovered from the State Governments/Union Territories during the first quarter of 1996-97. Details of outstanding as on 30.6.96, against the State Governments/Union Territories are given in the enclosed statement

STATEMENT

Details of Outstanding Payments towards the Airlift Charges from the State Govts./U.T. Admns. - as on 30.6.1996

S.No.	Name of the States	Amount outstanding (in Rs.)
1	2	3
1.	Assam	16,57,865/-
2.	Andhra Pradesh	21,09,343/-
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	7,07,79,047/-
4.	Bihar	16,25,000/-
5.	Delhi	3,81,062/-
6.	Gujarat	2,13,33,333/-
7.	Himachal Pradesh	90,19,166/-
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	1,12,95,411/-
9.	Karnataka	65,000/-
10.	Kerala	32,82,508/-
11.	Manipur	41,11,409/-
12.	Meghalaya	20,64,870/-
13.	Mizoram	14,53,217/-
14.	Nagaland	35,52,096/-
15.	Orissa	5,76,677/-
16.	Punjab	10,78,344/-
17.	Rajasthan	1,21,60,418/-
18.	Sikkim	6,42,884/-
19.	Tamil Nadu	47,11,374/-
20.	Tripura	5,00,084/-
21.	Uttar Pradesh	81,697/-
22.	West Bengal	1,03,55,916/-
23.	Andaman and Nicobar	1,15,69,227/-
	Total	17,44,05,948/-

[English]

Indian Fishermen in Custody of Pakistan and Bangladesh

538. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1122 on December 4, 1995 regarding Indian fishermen in custody of neighbouring countries and state

(a) the efforts made by the High Commission of India in Pakistan and Bangladesh to get release Indian fishermen in custody there and the outcome thereof,

(b) the number of such fishermen who have since been released from the custody of Pakistan and Bangladesh and repartriated to India,

(c) the number of Indian fishermen still languishing in jails in Pakistan and Bangladesh as on June 30, 1996, and

(d) the efforts being made to get them released and repartriated?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) (a) The Government is making sustained efforts to seek the release of all the Indian fishermen presently in Pakistan and Bangladesh custody. With regard to Pakistan, the Government have also agreed to Pakistan's proposal for holding technical level talks on the subject and are awaiting Pakistan's response regarding the dates and venue for the talks.

(b) As a result of Government's efforts 17 fishermen were released from Pakistani jails and repartriated to India during the last three years in Bangladesh, as per information available fishermen who are caught by Bangladesh authorities are detained for a period of one month and then sent back to India.

(c) In Pakistan,198 Indian fishermen are in the custody as on 30.6.96. For Bangladesh, data on the exact number of fishermen in custody of local authorities is not available as the information regarding the release of the fishermen from jails and